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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## WITTE DETERMINED TO SAVE RUSSIA

Says Attitude of Moderates Compelled Harshness.

### REBELS ABUSE THEIR LIBERTIES

Revolutionists Reported To Be Keeping a List of Refugee Land Owners So That They May Confiscate Their Estates, If Successful.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—Premier Witte today made an interesting statement to a delegation headed by the mayor of this city which requested a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign. The premier could not promise to do anything until after Jan. 22. Witte personally he did not sympathize with the harsh measures of Interior Minister Durnovo, he regarded them as essential. The premier could not assume the responsibility for a course which, if it resulted in bloodshed, would make him a scapegoat. He spoke bitterly of the failure of the moderates to give the government support, saying that on their shoulders largely rests the burden of compelling the government to resort to repression. He added:

"The emperor in the manifesto of Oct. 30 at the stroke granted the people more rights than any monarch has ever before given, but you know the attitude which Russian society assumed. The government's appeals for confidence were rejected. I have never granted a concession to the revolutionists. The permission to hold meetings was granted only on the excuse for disturbances and as a bribe to placate the life of the government and the industrial run of the country. I have always been opposed to repression for the attitude of the moderates, compelled me to adopt harsh methods. I am determined to save Russia."

While the emperor wanted the national assembly to meet as early as possible, Premier Witte said that they charged with the election, fear it will be impossible for it to assemble before April 28th.

Speaking of the innumerable difficulties which the government was confronted, the premier openly stated that many of the provincial authorities continued to act independently, as in Moscow, where, before the revolt, neither the governor-general, the governor nor the prefect of police informed him of the conditions prevailing there. He said the Moscow disturbances were more serious than people generally supposed.

Recounting a remarkable incident that heretofore had escaped notice, the premier said:

"At one time all the stations except the Nicholas depot were in the hands of the revolutionists. The later in desperation started a train hauling two cars loaded with dynamite at full speed for the station, with the intention of blowing it up. A faithful disaster was averted by a time warning of the plot, which enabled the authorities to have a military train with steam in ready on a parallel track. As the dynamite train arrived, soldiers from the military train running alongside entered the engine and managed to place the boiler of the locomotive stopping the train before it reached its destination."

In conclusion he said two laws were being prepared to define the duties of the various officials of the national assembly. The number who the committee of 120 members, half of them appointed by the emperor and half elected. This latter would include 18 representatives of the nobility, 12 of the clergy, 12 of the industry and commerce, 12 of the peasantry, and 12 of the professions. It would each have six representatives.

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The latest news from Trans-Caucasia

is that a civil war revolution prevails in Georgia and Mongolia. The victory is withdrawing all the troops available north of Vladikavkaz for service in the revolutionary territories.

### DEATH WARRANT FOR COOPER.

Alleged Florida Murderer Under Shadow of Gallows for Third Time.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 11.—Governor Broward has issued a death warrant for the execution of Isham E. Cooper, who was convicted in March, 1904, at a special term of court for the murder of J. H. Bowman, marshal of the town of Punta Gorda.

There has been a remarkable record in this case. It was appealed to the supreme court and judgment of the lower court was there affirmed. It was then brought before the board of pardons on a petition, which was denied.

A death warrant was issued, but it was revoked shortly before the time set for the execution, by order of Governor Jennings.

A second appeal to the board of pardons was made after the inauguration of Governor Broward, but this, too was denied.

The second death warrant was issued, but on allegations of the attorney of Cooper that there was new evidence of innocence of their client this, too, was revoked.

Governor Broward then caused a thorough investigation to be made. The board of pardons refused to interfere with the judgment of the court. Now comes this third death warrant which fixes the date for the execution as Feb. 10.

### ATLANTA HIT SUNKEN WRECK.

Steamer Forced to Put Back to Port on Account of Damage.

New York, Jan. 11.—While the Savannah line steamer City of Atlanta was leaving port bound to Savannah, she met with a mishap, which caused her commander, Captain Fisher, to put the vessel about and return to her pier.

It is believed that the steamer struck a submerged wreck in the lower bay and was damaged to such an extent that an examination was thought advisable. For several weeks there has been a sudden snow in the Savannah channel about a mile and a quarter south of Roper Head.

It was first reported by the steamer Canthale, which struck it on her way in from Jacksonville and Charleston. The Canthale's captain reported the obstruction on the west edge of the channel, at a point where the charts show a depth of 26 feet of water.

The passengers on the City of Atlanta, including a troop of cavalry bound for Atlanta, Ga., spent the night on board the vessel, but will be transferred to another of the company's ship and continue their journey.

### GUILTY IN LICENSE CASE.

Proprietors of Reyston Drug Store Had No License.

Gainesville, Ga., Jan. 10.—Messrs. McCarty and Ridgeway, proprietors of two drug stores in Reyston, Ga., have paid guilty of conducting their business without a license.

After promising that they would at once secure licenses, messrs. Attorney Madison Bell, on behalf of the state board of pharmacy, asked the court to make the penalty only a nominal cost, which was done.

Dr. C. D. Jordan, of Monticello, Ga., who is conducting the course against illegal druggists on behalf of the state board of pharmacy, is receiving the commendation of the licensed druggists in this city.

### Secession Not Regarded Serious.

New York, Jan. 11.—A cable dispatch from Port-au-Prince says that President Armand Gatti does not regard the secession of such as serious, but a civil war, the fighting will be expected to continue for some time. It is reported that the revolutionists are keeping a list of land owners who have fled or are despondent about the situation, if the revolution is successful, of confiscating their estates.

The latest news from Trans-Caucasia

## EIGHT MEET DEATH IN MINNEAPOLIS FIRE

Blaze Broke Out In Upper Stories of West Hotel.

### MANY GUESTS MADE ESCAPES

Captain of Fire Company While Rescuing Woman Lost His Balance and Fell Seven Stories to Instant Death. Woman Escaped Slightly Injured.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 11.—Six known dead and possibly more imprisoned in their rooms, is the result of a fire early today in the West hotel.

The blaze broke out in the upper stories of the buildings, and electric bells immediately sounded the alarm in all the rooms. Many guests escaped down the stairways, but these exits were soon cut off by flames, and the halls filled with smoke. Captain John Berwin, of the fire department, fell while trying to lower a woman to safety from the fifth floor and was killed. The woman was caught by another fireman.

The dead: Captain John Berwin, of hook and ladder company No. 1, fell from upper floor.

Thomas Somerville, of Springfield, Ill., suffocated in room on the sixth floor.

Alice Martin, servant, jumped from seventh floor window.

W. S. Nichols, of Nichols & Taylor, chamber of commerce, suffocated.

Two unknown men who jumped from an upper floor window.

An unknown man jumped from the roof of an adjoining building from the top floor, but missed it and was killed while a large middle-aged woman jumped from the fourth floor and met instant death.

Mrs. C. H. Wood and her daughter, proprietors of the West hotel, were both rescued, the latter being carried down a ladder to safety.

One of the most thrilling rescues was that of President Chamberlain of the Security bank, and members of his family, who were not awakened in time to make their escape by the usual exits. For many anxious minutes they remained at their window in the top most story at the Fifth street and Hennepin avenue corner. Mrs. Chamberlain gathered bedding and sheets and made a rope of them and at the same time the extension ladders were being placed into position, but were found to be too short.

The Pompeii ladders were rushing to the scene, and a fireman with a rope about him, firmly placed and sealed the ladder to the cheers of thousands of excited spectators. Arriving at the window he took one after the other, lowered them safely to the extension ladder two stories beneath by means of the rope, where they were brought to safety.

The rescue was accomplished amid deathlike stillness. When the last person had been rescued and the fireman followed, the creaking broke loose. It was one of the most thrilling scenes at a fire ever witnessed in this city.

Captain John Berwin was carrying a woman down a scaling ladder when the terrified woman tried to jump to a window ledge. Captain Berwin thereupon lost his balance, falling seven stories to his death.

### Boy Shot by Companion.

Tuscon, Ariz., Jan. 11.—Little Henry Dugger, the oldest son of R. B. Dugger, was shot in the eye with an air rifle last Saturday by one of his playmates. His companion asked him to leave to shoot, when the little fellow began jumping around, saying "Saw!" His companion shot and the ball entered just above the eye ball. It is thought that he will not lose his sight.

### Undertakes Voyage Around Globe.

New York, Jan. 11.—The big vessel Benjamin Storer will undertake a trip around the world, says a cable dispatch received here from Rio de Janeiro. She will start Argentinian, Mexico, San Francisco and Japan.

### DEATH AND DISASTER ON SHIP.

Fifteen Men Confined to Bunks Afflicted with Scurvy.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—The Chronical says:

A story of death and disaster reached here from the German ship Alster. It just arrived at the port of Santa Rosa, in the Gulf of California, after an eventful passage of over six months from Hamburg. The vessel arrived in charge of her first officer, with 15 men confined to their bunks with the scurvy, leaving less than half a dozen complaining men to work the vessel.

While far to the southward, Mate Aselman reports that Captain died at the height of a storm and that shortly afterward Miller, the second mate, fell overboard and was drowned.

From then on until the arrival in port of the ship, short handed and delayed by light and varying winds, she crept slowly over leagues of sea to her destination, with the men falling one by one victims of the scurvy. That she ever made port at all under such adverse conditions is considered in the light of almost a miracle.

### COTTON GROWERS CONVENE.

Jordan Says Farmers Will Now Hold For Fifteen Cents.

New Orleans, Jan. 11.—The three day session of the Southern Cotton Growers' association begins tomorrow with promise of a large attendance. Delegates began to gather today and there will be a rush hither from the southern towns from now on, until the convention is called to order.

President Harvie Jordan arrived today and said that Georgia would have probably a larger representation than last year.

President Walter Clark, of the Mississippi division, and President W. H. Seymour, of the Alabama division, were also among the arrivals today.

President Jordan was a visitor on the floor of the cotton exchange today. He said the farmers now have the cotton in their hands and that he was confident that they would hold it until they get 15 cents—the price they desire.

### MAN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Was En Route From Colorado to Atlanta With His Wife.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 11.—W. T. Jones, of Atlanta, is lying at the city hospital from the effects of morphine taken with suicidal intent.

Last week Jones and his wife reached Memphis, enroute to Atlanta from Colorado. Jones came up town from the passenger station, and not returning, his wife continued her journey.

Calef Shaver received a letter from Jones' wife making anxious inquiries and also a letter from his brother at Newbury, S. C. Telegrams unsent were found on Jones' person, notifying friends in Atlanta of his contemplated suicide and asking that his body be buried there.

### Greene and Gaynor on Trial.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 11.—The first day of the Greene and Gaynor case in the United States court of the southern district of Georgia was consumed in preliminary skirmishes between counsel with the issue upon the contention advanced still undecided when adjournment was taken. It seemed quite possible as one observed the slow progress of the case that it might be days before the point of drawing the jury for the actual trial would be reached, as there are a number of pleas in abatement and demurrers to the bills of indictment yet to be presented to the court and argued.

### Will Ask for Shorter Hours.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11.—Rates of pay for the day and night and overtime, governing the organization, were the questions before the joint executive board of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, Southern Railway Carmen's Association, in annual session in this city. It is expected that the organization will likely ask for shorter hours and that the entire board will be asked to present the matter to the national association and the Southern Railway, and H. R. Spelman, general manager.

## EIGHTY-NINE REBELS INSTANTLY KILLED

Had Made Attack on Squadron Of Dragoons.

### HAD KILLED 2 AND WOUNDED 4

Revolutionists Raid Livonhoff to Obtain Medicines and Bandages for Comrades in the Field—Captured Merchants, Receiving Ransom.

Mitau, Courland, Jan. 11.—A squadron of dragoons which was ambushed near Hazenhot, losing two men killed and four wounded, received reinforcements later and surrounded the revolutionists. No quarter was given, and the revolutionists, numbering 89 in all, were killed to the last man.

A band of fifty revolutionists made a daring raid on Livonhoff with the object of obtaining medicines and bandages for the revolutionists in the field. They carried off two Jewish merchants and held them for a heavy ransom, which was paid.

### Plundering of Tiflis Continues.

Tiflis, Jan. 10.—The plundering of this city continues. Last night several bombs were thrown at a military patrol, whereupon the house from which the bombs were hurled, and the adjoining buildings, were bombarded by the artillery, with the result that many persons were killed or wounded. A house in which an Armenian, who had attempted to assassinate an officer, had sought refuge, was set on fire and the man burned alive.

### HOLD RATE CONVENTION.

Permanent Organization to Push Rate Legislation Perfected.

Wichita, Kans., Jan. 11.—A freight rate mass-convention made up of 600 delegates, representing commercial and farmers' organizations from all parts of Kansas, was held here today. A permanent organization for the purpose of pushing railway rate legislation was perfected and resolutions were adopted urging congress to give a railway rate commission power to control railroad rates.

J. L. Bristow, of Salina, Kans., ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, was made permanent chairman. Speeches were made by Chairman Bristow, S. R. Van Sant, former governor of Minnesota; Governor Hoch, of Kansas, and others.

Claim Is Denied.

Cincinnati, Jan. 11.—The claim of W. J. Odell to the Holzman seat in the New York stock exchange was denied by United States Judge Thompson late yesterday, and an injunction was issued to prevent any interference with the sale of the seat. On the outcome of this litigation depends the amount to be realized for the creditors of Holzman & Co., bankrupts, and the recent sale of the seat for \$55,000 is declared by the court to be regular and proper. The case will be appealed.

### Commission Merchants Meet.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 11.—More than 200 members of the National League of Commission Merchants met in Milwaukee today at the annual convention of that body which will last throughout the week. Among the subjects to be discussed during the convention are private car line abuses and how they may be remedied; unfair competition by express companies, how it may be abolished, and commissions and credits. The first session was taken up with routine reports.

### Protest Against Joint Statehood.

Kingman, Ariz., Jan. 11.—People of this county are holding mass meetings protesting against the passage of the Hamilton joint statehood bill. Messages from a number of towns and mining centers report that the sentiment against joint statehood is unanimous. Every town is sending resolutions of protest to Washington demanding of congress the right to vote separately on any measure considered injurious to the welfare of the people of Arizona.